

DX LISTENING DIGEST 3-062, April 11, 2003
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WWCR: Sat 0600 5070, Sun 0230 5070, 0630 3210, Wed 0930 9475

RFPI: Sat 0730, 1330, 1800, Sun 0000, 0600, 1200, 1830, Mon 0030, 0630, 1230 on 7445

WBCQ: Mon 0445 on 7415

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WORLD OF RADIO ON WJIE

WJIE did get the new WOR 1177 on air at 1200 UT Friday April 11, but that's the end of such a timing: (gh)

Starting Monday, April 14th, we are going to be having some major

changes to the schedule, and it does impact your broadcast. World of Radio can be heard the following times :

M-F 3:30 AM Eastern, 0730 GMT
Sat 5:30 AM Eastern, 0930 GMT
10:00 PM Eastern, 0200 GMT (Sun)
Sun 6:30 AM Eastern, 1030 GMT
12:30 PM Eastern, 1630 GMT

13.595 MHz (our second transmitter) has been operational for the past week, and we have been receiving limited reception reports. We are planning some modifications to the antenna array, and plan to split programming from 7.490 sometime in May (Doc Burkhart, WJIE, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See USA - WJIE below for more

** AFRICA. AFRICAN SHORTWAVE STATIONS AUDIBLE ON SVO TOM... E PRÔNCIPE

During my DX-pedition to these two islands on March 3-16, 2003, I was able to hear the following domestic SW stations from countries south of Sahara, plus international broadcasters on the tropical bands. Nearly all of them were heard during the 12 hours long nights:

3200 SWZ TWR, Mpangela Ranch
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3255 AFS BBC World Service, Meyerton
3320 AFS SABC, Meyerton
3326 NIG R Nigeria, Lagos
3366 GHA GBC, Accra
4760 LBR ELWA, Monrovia
4765 COG R Congo, Brazzaville
4770 NIG R Nigeria, Kaduna
4775 SWZ TWR, Mpangela Ranch
4784 MLI Rdif. TV Malienne, Bamako
4800 LSO LNBS, Lancers Gap
4815 BFA Rdif TV Burkina, Ouagadougou
4820 BOT R Botswana, Sebele
4835 MLI Rdif. TV Malienne, Bamako
4845 MTN R Mauritanie, Nouakchott
4890 GAB R France International, Moyabi
4915 GHA GBC Accra
4950 AGL R Nacional de Angola,
4950 STP VOA via Pinheira
4960 STP VOA via Pinheira
4965 ZMB Christian Voice, Lusaka
4976 UGA R Uganda, Kampala
5010 MDG R TV Malagasy, Antananarivo
5025 BEN ORTB, R Regionale, Parakou
5026 UGA R Uganda, Kampala
5030 BFA Rdif TV Burkina, Ouagadougou

5047 TGO Rdif. Togolaise, Togblekope,
5100 LBR Liberian Communications Network
5960 AFS AWR, Meyerton
5990 ETH R Ethiopia, Gedja
5995 MLI Rdif TV Malienne, Bamako
6015 AFS AWR, Meyerton
6015 TZA R Tanzania Zanzibar, Dole
6025 NIG FRCN, Enugu
6030 ZAI R Okapi, Kinshasa
6050 NIG Ibadan National St., Ibadan
6055 RRW R Rwanda, Kigali
6060 NMB NBC-2, Windhoek
6065 ZMB Christian Voice, Lusaka
6090 NIG R Nigeria, Kaduna
6095 AFS AWR, Meyerton
6130 GHA GBC, Accra
6145 CLA Short Wave Radio Africa, Meyerton(?)
6165 TCD Rdif. Nat. Tchadienne, N'Djaména
6165 ZMB ZNBC, Lusaka
6210 ETH R Fana, Addis Ababa
6249 GNE R Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial, Malabo
6350 ETH Voice of the Tigray Revolution, Mek'ele
6350 CLA Voice of Peace & Democracy of Eritrea
6715 CNR Full Gospel Las Palmas Church
6940 ETH R Fana, Addis Ababa
7100 ERI Voice of the Broad Masses, Asmara
7110 ETH R Ethiopia, Gedja
7120 CLA Voice of the People, Talata/Volondry
7125 GUI Rdif. TV Guinéenne, Conakry
7175 ERI Voice of the Broad Masses, Asmara
7185 AFS SABC, Meyerton
7200 SDN Sudan National Broadc.Co., Omdurman
7210 BEN ORTB, R Benin, Cotonou
7215 CLA Voice of the People, Talata/Volondry
7217 AGL R Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, Luanda
7220 CAF R TV Centrafricaine, Bangui
7230 BFA Rdif TV Burkina, Ouagadougou
7245 MTN R Mauritanie, Nouakchott
7255 NIG Voice of Nigeria, Lagos
7285 MLI Rdif.TV Malienne, Bamako
9550 ZAI R Okapi, Kinshasa
9580 GAB Africa No.1, Moyabi
9610 COG R Congo, Brazzaville
9634 MLI Rdif.TV Malienne, Bamako
9650 AFS SABC, Meyerton
9704 ETH R Ethiopia, Gedja
9705 NGR La Voix du Sahel, Niamey
9865 ZMB Christian Voice, Lusaka

11690 ZAI R Okapi, Kinshasa
11955 AGL R Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, Luanda
11960 MLI Rdif.TV Malienne, Bamako
15475 GAB Africa No. 1, Moyabi
17630 GAB Africa No. 1, Moyabi

On the tropical bands I heard no more stations than I can hear in Denmark, whereas on the international bands some African stations appeared that normally are covered in Denmark by other stations or are only broadcasting during local daytime (Anker Petersen/STP, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Logging by: Alan Roberts, St Lambert, Quebec.
Equipment: Fairhaven RD500 and 26 MHz dipoles. 29.810 LSB, Argentian military, 11 Jan 2240. Relay of a domestic radio station, using the ID "Sol Ciento Uno, una radio distinta", Spanish songs, talk of Buenos Aires. Fair signal (Alan Roberts, 25 Plus, Apr CIDX Messenger via Sheldon Harvey, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Estoy buscando informaciÛn sobre la nueva AM1290 Murialdo, que transmite desde San JosÈ de Guaymallen, en los alrededores de la ciudad de Mendoza, capital de la provincia homÛnima. Para ello, puse en un buscador de sitios argentinos el nombre de la estaciÛn, que estarÌa relacionado con Leonardo Murialdo, y en la p.gina oficial del Instituto Leonardo Murialdo (organizaciÛn educativa catÛlica local), me encontrÈ con los datos de la emisora que esa comunidad sostiene: 90.5 FM Familia (que aparentemente, en principio, no tendrÌa nada que ver con la nueva estaciÛn de amplitud modulada)

Fundada por al P. JosÈ Luis Di Paolo, y un grupo de colaboradores, en 1989 comenzÛ a funcionar una emisora de radio conocida como "FM Familia" que emite su programaciÛn en el 90.5 del dial.

Al cumplir los 10 aÛos de vida las instalaciones de la "FM Familia" se trasladaron a un lugar muy apropiado para su funciÛn, frente al edificio principal del Instituto, actualizando tambiÌn su tecnologÌa y programaciÛn.

En esta obra puede verse la prolongaciÛn de la preocupaciÛn que San Leonardo Murialdo siempre sintiÛ por la difusiÛn de la "buena prensa" y los aspectos sociales que preocupan al pueblo de Dios. 73's (Arnaldo Slaen, April 8, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

R. Murialdo, 1290: I wonder who is the Finnish DXer who has logged this station, which I have just identified on a tape of UNIDÛs sent to me by Odd PÂg, in StrÛmstad, Sweden. He heard the station at 0500 on March 26, when there was a full ID including their FM outlet, on

90.5, which is called Radio Familia, and their AM channel, 1290 kHz, which they announce as Radio Muriel. Asking them on the net if they would be interested in receiving an audio file, I got a prompt and affirmative answer where the station manager says that he has received a report from Finland recently. The station is owned by the Archidiocese of Mendoza, in Argentina, and listed as a CP in WRTH 2003 (thank you, Jim Solatje). An initial report was filed by WRTH co-ed Tore Larsson to DXLD #2126, Aug 9, 2002 (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, April 10, dxing.info via DXLD)

Pekka Kostiainen (PK) on March 21, 2003 claiming the ID "....Radio Familia FM en 90.5...Avenida Bandera de Los Andes 4404, Villa Nueva Guaymallén, Mendoza, Repùblica Argentina". (Jan-Erik ÷sterholm (JE÷) FIN-06100 Porvoo, Finland, ibid.)

** ARMENIA. Hola Glenn, Saludos desde Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA. El nuevo horario de emisiÛn en espaÛol de La Voz de Armenia, es de 0230-0245 UT, en la acostumbrada frecuencia de 9965 kHz.

** BELGIUM [non]. If I was not a regular shortwave listener, I would not realized what I heard. However, because I am a shortwave listener, I do not believe what I heard. I have a 20 year old Sherwood Stereo Receiver (S-CP9300 CP). I was preparing to listen to a New York Baseball game (April 11 2230 UT) on 660 kHz when I heard the distinctive tones of RVI over running the very powerful 50,000 watt station 75 miles from my home.

When I turned the dial slightly, the signal was even stronger on 707 kHz. I did the math and 707.5 kHz would be 22 harmonics off your frequency of 15565 from Bonaire. Could this possible, RVI on AM? The program started with a story of your country distancing itself from the old Iraq government, what politicans are allowed to give out, airline news, music, and canal area/market. The signal was very strong with slight fading and occasional whistling. I do not think this was a normal broadcast by an American AM station of your program. Please, let me know what you think I was receiving on 707 kHz. Sincerely, (J. Dean Bonanno, Durham, Connecticut to RVI, cc to DXLD)

I suspect to say the least this old receiver is subject to internally generated images, tho I doubt the formula would be 15565/22. Was 15565 exceptionally strong? You should get similar images from elsewhere in the 19m band nearby. 707 is an interesting frequency, as a Cuban on 710 was recently reported varying around there (Glenn to Dean via DXLD)

** BENIN. (tentative): Nice signal last night (09/04), 2145-2258 on 7210. Talk by male and female in French, sounded quite well-modulated

and professional with not much but certainly African music. VoA QRM at 2258, no ID caught, but most certainly Cotonou (Thorsten Hallmann, Mnster, Germany, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7210.3, ORTB Benin, Cotonou, 2155-2300, Apr 3 and 4, non-stop Afropop, Vernacular and French talks. 23432 (Kaj Bredahl Jrgensen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4702.2, R Eco, San Borja verified by e-mail for my 4th try. v/s: Gonzalo Espinoza Cortez. E-mail: gonzaloeco@hotmail.com (Masato Ishii, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. I received today an e-mail verification to my reception report from August 2002 sent by RUmulo Copaja AlcUn, who is the technical director of Radio San Gabriel, La Paz. He told that the transmitter & the aerial system of the sw outlet have been improved. The e-mail address is remoc@entelnet.bo (Jari Korhonen, FIN-82500 Kitee, DXing.info Apr 11 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4895, R BarE, Manaus, AM, 0845-0905, Apr 5, reactivated on the tropical bands after three years absence! DJ mentioned telephone number 2344-0161, area code 92, and gave ID 0858: ``ZYF 270, Rdio BarE, transmitindo em ondas tropicais na frequncia de 4895 kHz em 60 metros, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil. Uma nova programa, fique conosco, conversando a gente se entende`` 35443 (Samuel Cssio M., Brasil, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9565, R Tupi, Curitiba verified by e-mail. v/s: Douglas Santana. QTH: Rua Mirador 512, Jd Cristina 2, 83410-810 Colombo, Paran, Brasil (v/s address). E-mail: billsantana2000@hotmail (Masato Ishii, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. "A Voz do Brasil" seems to be pretty popular program in Brazil. Noted 22 UT on these stations and frequencies: R. Canc,o Nova on 9675- and 6105. R. Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia on 6180 and on 5990 R. Senado, Braslia, too. Really boring... nothing to add. 73s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From what I hear, it's pretty unpopular, but the government requires all stations to carry it, tho some have weaseled a waiver (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. WHAT A WEEK: Tune in to CBC Radio One this Saturday for What a Week. What a Week uses impressions, sketch comedy, editorials and satirical songs to give you a fresh - and funny - new perspective on the week just past. Don't miss the debut of What a Week, Saturday at 11 a.m. (11:30 NT) on CBC Radio One. [first airing 1405 UT on Atlantic zone stations +1/2/3/4 hours]

That reminds me of a show David Frost did back in the 1960's. I think it was called, "That Was The Week That Was." Try 9625 kHz at 1500 UT.

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(Joe Buch, DE, April 10, swprograms via DXLD)
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** CHINA. 7935, CNR 1, Lingshi, 2040-2055, Apr 7, back after winter break on this frequency which as usual is heard very strongly, Chinese talk heard // weaker 4460, 4750, 4800 and 5030. 45544 (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. 3350, R Exterior de España, via Cariari de Pococí, back here with A03 schedule, 0340-0350, Apr 2, Spanish talk heard // Noblejas 6055, utility QRM 32332 (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** CROATIA [non]. Croatian Radio's "Voice of Croatia" (Croatian: "Glas Hrvatske") for Croatians abroad is scheduled for A03 as follows (all via Juelich, Germany, times UT):

2300-0100	9925-ju (to Argentina) [not Uruguay or Juan Fernández?!]
0100-0300	9925-ju (to East Coast N America)
0300-0500	9925-ju (to West Coast N America)
0500-0700	9470-ju (to New Zealand)
0700-0900	13820-ju (to Australia)

The same 2 hour programme is repeated 5 times, mainly in Croatian, but with around 15 minutes of English (News plus a short feature/interview) at 2305, 0105, 0305, 0505 and 0705 UT (followed by a similar length news in Spanish). There is also a repeat of the news (or sometimes just the news headlines) in English before the end of the 2 hour programme (e.g. around 0045 or 0050 UT).

Opening and closing IDs and frequency announcements are also in English and Spanish as well as Croatian. Their frequency announcements still persist in using the local time in the target area, not UT - e.g. 0700-0900 UT to Australia on 13820 is announced as "5 to 7 pm Eastern Australian time". All transmissions are currently audible here in the UK (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Radio Havana Cuba schedule change From: Don Brison To: Daniel Sampson. I accidentally tuned to Radio Havana Cuba on 11670 kHz at about 2030 UTC? I have been unable to find this frequency for Cuba on any schedule at my disposal, including Radio Havana Cuba. Could this be a schedule change or a fluke? (Don Brison, Apr 11) From the World of Radio website I find this heard in December 2002

(DXLD2201/2202) and off in February 2003 (DXLD3021). This is back in use then (Dan Sampson, Prime Time Shortwave, Apr 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. RADIO MARTÓ FAILS TO BROADCAST LIVE COVERAGE OF THE FALL OF CENTRAL BAGHDAD

<http://www.cubapolidata.com/rmo/> Thursday, 10 April 2003

(Radio Martí Observer) - While every major domestic and international news organization around the world broadcast the fall of central Baghdad to US forces early Wednesday morning and of the symbolic imagery of Saddam Hussein's statue being toppled and torn down in al-Fardus square by liberated Iraqis assisted by US Marines (a symbolic liberation of Iraq) at 10:48 am EST/6:48 pm Baghdad time, Radio Martí ó according to sources ó was broadcasting its daily comedy program with Salvador Blanco and Martha Jorge instead of interrupting programming to relate a report to the Cuban populace, whom have endured their own hardship with Fidel Castro's reign, live coverage of jubilant Iraqis celebrating their liberation from Saddam Hussein's tyranny. It wasn't until the noon news broadcast, nearly an hour later, that there was mention of this historic event (Radio Martí Observer via DXLD)

** CYPRUS NORTHERN. Hello Glenn, I received today a verification from Bayrak RT-6150. It was a letter, card, stickers and tourist information after 3 weeks for an e-mail report. Thanks Glenn for the e-mail address to Denise Phillips. It worked very well (Lennart Weirell, Västerås, Sweden, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK [non]. Due to more changes in our schedule since the start of A03, please find it attached. The reason is that Norway has sold more transmitting hours. On Monday, for instance, a 4 hour broadcast started at 4-8 UT on 15675 from Kvitsøy to the Middle East. This means that I had to cancel 4 of our broadcasts. Our schedule is revised on our web site <http://www.dr.dk/rdk> and you can also obtain it by auto-return email by sending an empty email to: schedule@dr.dk We have a new QSL card for the A03 season.

The possible closure of Radio Denmark by the end of this year will be decided finally around May 1. Good listening, (Erik Kie, DR Radio, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RADIO DENMARK, April 7 - October 25, 2003 ::

UT	Target (primary coverage in brackets)	kHz	Tx	Beam
1130-1155	Europe, Mediterranean, Canary Islands North America (east), Caribbean	13800	K	180
		15705	S	300

	South America, Canary Islands	18950	S 235
1230-1255	Far East	15705	K 40
	North America (east + central), Greenland	15735	S 300
	North America (east), Caribbean	15735	S 300
	South East Asia, Australia (west), Russia	18950	K 80
1330-1355	Europe	9590	S 180
	South East Asia, Australia (west), Russia	15705	K 80
	North America (east + central), Greenland	15735	S 300
1430-1455	North America (west), Greenland	15705	S 315
	Middle East (north), South Asia, Russia	15735	K 95
1530-1555	North America (west), Greenland	15705	S 315
	Middle East (north), South Asia, Russia	15735	K 95
1630-1655	Europe	9920	S 180
	North America (east), Caribbean	15705	S 280
1730-1755	Europe	11615	S 180
	Europe (south east), Middle East (west),		
	Africa (east) -NOT on Sundays	15705	K 145
1830-1855	Europe	7490	S 180
	New Zealand -ONLY Saturday/Sunday	13800	K 35
1930-1955	Europe, Canary Islands -ONLY Sat/Sun	7490	S 180
	Africa (west, central & south), Europe		
	(south)	13800	K 180
	North America (west), Greenland	17505	S 315
2030-2055	Europe, Canary Islands	7490	S 180
	Australia (east) -ONLY Saturday/Sunday	9510	K 65
2130-2155	Australia (east)	9510	K 65
2230-2255	South America	9925	S 235
	Far East	11845	K 35
2330-2355	South East Asia, Australia (west)	9415	K 80
	North America (east), Caribbean	9945	S 300
	South America	9985	S 235
	Far East	11845	K 35
0030-0055	South East Asia, Australia (west)	9930	K 80
	North America (east), Caribbean	9985	S 280
	North America (east + central), Greenland	11635	S 300

0130-0155	South Asia North America (east), Caribbean, South America (north west) North America (east + central), Greenland	9975 K 95 9985 S 280 11635 S 300
0230-0255	South Asia	9975 K 95
0330-0355	Russia, Europe (south east), Middle East (north) North America (west), Greenland Europe (south east), Middle East (west), Africa (east)	7490 K 95 9960 S 315 13800 K 145
0430-0455	Europe North America (west), Greenland Europe (south east), Middle East (west), Africa (east)	7465 S 180 9475 S 315 13800 K 145
0530-0555	Europe Europe (south east), Middle East (west)	7465 S 180 11615 K 120
0630-0655	Europe Europe (south west), Canary Islands, Africa (west) Europe (south), Africa, New Zealand	7180 S 180 11615 S 220 13800 K 165
0730-0755	Europe, Canary Islands Europe (south west), Africa (west), Canary Islands, New Zealand	9590 S 180 11615 S 220
0830-0855	Australia, Europe (south west), Canary Islands, South America Middle East (east)	13800 S 250 15735 K 110
0930-0955	Australia, Europe (south west), Canary Islands, South America Far East, New Zealand	13800 S 250 17500 K 40
1030-1055	Europe, Mediterranean, Canary Islands	13800 S 180

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WWW: <http://www.dr.dk/rdk> or <http://www.dr.dk/radiodanmark>
- including RealAudio 'on demand' of our broadcasts.

The two daily news transmissions in Danish only are aired at 11.30 and 17.30 utc. Transmissions inbetween are repeats.

The technical letterbox programme, 'Tune In' is heard every second Saturday from 11.48 UT until 16.48 UT.

Transmissions may be cancelled without warning.

Radio Denmark shares the Norwegian transmitters with Radio Norway. They broadcast at xx.00-xx.30, followed by Denmark at xx.30-xx.55, 24 hours a day.

Stations: Kvits^y (K) and Svei⁻ (S) each have two 500 kW transmitters, but run at 250 kW. They are located on the Norwegian west coast near Stavanger and Haugesund at 05.27E 59.04N (K) and 05.19E 59.37N (S). Kvits^y covers the Eastern Globe, while Svei⁻ covers the Western Globe [Hemispheres].

Radio Denmark replies complete reports by a QSL-card. Although not necessary, return postage is appreciated (1 IRC, 1 Euro or 1 US dollar). Recordings (incl. RealAudio and MP3 email files) are accepted. Tapes, however, are not returned. (via Erik K⁻ie, DXLD)

** DENMARK [non]. The Danish based International Media Support which successfully organised domestic broadcasting in Kosovo and Afghanistan after these wars, is summoning a conference in London on how to establish domestic broadcasting in Iraq after the present war. Existing Iraqi and Kurdish opposition broadcasters will also be invited. (Martin Breum, Vice Director of International Media Support, Denmark in the news of Danmarks R P4, 0700, Apr 6 via DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR: Radio Quito, 4919 kHz, 0336 - 0436 UT; April 8, 2003; long commentary in Spanish; too much atmospheric noise to understand content; ID at 0402, echoey announcements, jingles, etc. Began traditional regional music at around 0412; SINPO 44132; ICOM R71A; 52-foot random wire (John Sandin, Merriam, KS, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Si desean comunicarse con Radio El Cairo por vía electr^{única}, pueden hacerlo por esta cuenta:
radioelcairoespa@yahoo.com
(Adⁿ Gonz^{lez}, Venezuela, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. 9990, Voice of Eritrean People, via Kvitsoy, Norway *1730-1758* (ex 1630-1700), Sun Mar 30 and Apr 06, Tigrinya. (Anker

Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 11720, Scandinavian Weekend R, Villat, 1115-1150, Apr 05, Finnish program of pop music. 34433 with QRM from Voice of Arabs, Cairo underneath. This was the only audible SWR broadcast here that weekend (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Loggings Done by: Alan Roberts, St Lambert, Quebec. Equipment: Fairhaven RD500 and 26 MHz dipoles.

25.765 DRM, T.D.F. Rennes, France, 12 Mar 1520, Continuous white noise between 25.759 & 25.771 MHz. Heard many times over winter.

25.775 AM T.D.F. Rennes, France, 12 Mar 1520, the same repeating audio loop, French & English, as previously reported. Poor signal.

25.928 nFM DÉpt de Tourisme, La Rochelle, France, 11 Mar 1640, French tape on history of economic development along the Charante River. Poor signal (Alan Roberts, 25 Plus, Apr CIDX Messenger via Sheldon Harvey, DXLD) See also DRM section at bottom

** FRANCE [non]. Re DXLD 3-061 I rechecked the RFI website and the 1600-1700 English frequencies of 9730 and 15255 are shown as Mey= Meyerton and not Moy=Moyabi as in the schedule I posted in DXLD 3-057. Both heard here April 11th (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Actually we just buried Megaradio... Now rumours circulate that media companies would be interested in reviving the station. As a matter of fact on Sunday in the evening the continuation system was fired up again. No satellite channels and no transmitters are connected to the output but a streaming server:

rtsp://rd01.t-bn.de/live/megaradio_two/audio_128k.rm

And some nostalgia: In 1999 the first Megaradio transmissions went out on 576. They contained only music, one track after another without any IDs, played out directly on the W^bbelin station and fed into the transmitter without any soundprocessing. A friendly guy left his records of these test transmissions, made in March 2000, as three files of sizes around 2 MB here:

http://galileo.spaceports.com/~bbfmsite/sounds/megaradio_-_testphase_maerz-2000_-_musikmix.mp3
http://galileo.spaceports.com/~bbfmsite/sounds/megaradio_-_testphase_maerz-2000_-_musik_2_titel.mp3
http://galileo.spaceports.com/~bbfmsite/sounds/megaradio_-_testphase_maerz-2000_-_musik_3_titel.mp3

Those who rely on German TV probably do not know at all that almost 1000 civilians were killed in Congo. I checked out the website of ARD TV news <http://www.tagesschau.de> for coverage of this terrible occurrence and found -- nothing at all. I am somewhat concerned about this observation (Kai Ludwig, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. PORTUGAL Re: Noticed DW in English with a very good signal at 0540 April 6 on 11925 if I didn't know better, I might think it was a NoAmerican service (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, DXLD Apr 7)

It's DW Sines-POR relay to W Africa. Station has now four rotatable antennas at its disposal, instead of log-periodics of 1972, acc to Carlos GonÁlves, who visited the station recently. I guess same type of Thomcast antenna like at Nauen-Germany and DongFang-China site [see colour pictures in WRTA]. (Wolfgang Bueschel, BC-DX Apr 10 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non?]. Radio Marabu broadcast this weekend again 24 hours a day Saturday and Sunday. Please notice the new frequency!! It's 6310 kHz. Reports concerning the reception on this new frequency are highly appreciated and will be verified by our info package.

RADIO MARABU e.V. - Postfach 1166 - D 49187 Belm - Germany Tel.: 05406/899484 -- Fax: 05406/899485 E-mail: marabu@r... [truncated] -- Homepage: www.radio-marabu.de Europe's radio station for alternative music (Roberto Scaglione, April 11, shortwave yahoogroup via DXLD)

** GREECE. ERT S.A.:
THE VOICE OF GREECE A03 SHORT WAVE TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Effective from 30/03/03 to 25/10/03 (00:00)UTC

EUROPE

0000-0350	5865	15630	Gr
0400-0550	9420	15630	Gr
0600-0700	12105	15630	Gr, Eng
0700-0800	12105	15630	Gr, Eng
0800-1000	12105	15630	Gr, Eng
1100-1200	12110	15630	Gr
1200-1300	12110	15630	Gr
1300-1400	12110	15630	Gr
1400-1500	9420	15630	Gr
1500-1700	9420	15630	Gr
1700-1800	9420	15630	Gr
1800-1900	9420	15630	Gr
1900-2000	9420	15630	7475 Gr

2000-2050 9420 15630 7475 Gr
2100-2200 9375 Gr
2200-2300 9375 Gr
2300-2400 5865 9375 Gr

Foreign Language Transmissions
1200-1400 15650 Gr, Ar
1400-1700 12110 D, Rus, E, R, Tr, Bg, Sc
1700-1800 12110 Al, F
1800-1857 12110 Pl, Eng

MW

0900-1700 792 Gr, Ar, D, Rus, E, R, Tr
2000-2130 792 Gr
2200-2300 792 Gr

Gr=Greek, Eng= English, Al= Albanian, Ar=Arabian, Bg= Bulgarian,
F=French, E= Spanish, I=Italian", "Pl=Polish, P=Portuguese,
R=Romanian, Rus= Russian, S= Swedish, Sc= Servocroatian, Tr=Turkish

TASKEND

1200-1300 15650 Gr

MIDDLE EAST, INDIAN OCEAN

0000-0400 15650 Gr
0400-0700 21530 17520 Gr
0700-0800 21530 Gr
1200-1400 15650 Gr, Ar
2100-2400 15650 Gr

MW

0900-1400 1260 Gr, Ar, D
1730-1800 792 Gr

ATLANTIC OCEAN

0000-0400 5865 15630 Gr
0400-0600 9420 15630 Gr
0600-0700 15630 Gr
0700-1000 15630 Gr
1100-1300 15630 Gr
1300-2050 15630 Gr
2100-2400 9375 Gr

AFRICA

0000-0357 7475 Gr

1700-1850
1400-1500
1900-2000
2000-2050
2300-2400 7475 Gr

JAPAN, PACIFIC OCEAN
0600-0800 15190 Gr

AUSTRALIA

0000-0357 15650 Gr
0400-0700 17520
0400-0800 21530 Gr
0600-0800 15190 Gr
1200-1400 15650 Gr. Ar
2100-2257 9420 15650 Gr
2300-2400 15650 Gr

NORTH AMERICA

0000-0350 5865 15630 Gr
1200-1500 11730 Gr
1600-2200 17705 Gr

SOUTH AMERICA

0000-0357 7475 Gr

PANAMA ZONE & SW AFRICA
2000-2200 17565 Gr
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(from a spreadsheet via Andreas Volk, ADDX, March 23 via Wolfgang Bueschel, DXLD)

** HONDURAS. R. Litoral, 4830.06, April 6 0300-0501* Spanish religious programming, contemporary Christian music, IDs. English ``Searchlight`` religious program at 0423-0448. Sign-off Spanish announcements a 0500 with ID, and closing announcements over instrumental music; poor-fair. Some days they use 4830 and other days they will be on 4832. Previously heard March 1 on 4832.0, March 16 on 4830.06, and March 30 on 4831.99 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. I have prepared the latest A-2003 schedules of All India Radio on SW. You can acces the files as follows:

1. AIR External Service in UT order

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dx_india/files/AIR%20A-2003%20UTC.xls

2. Complete schedule of AIR in KHZ order

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dx_india/files/AIR%20SW%20A-03.xls

3. AIR External Service in Language order

[\(Jose Jacob, dx_india via DXLD\)](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dx_india/files/AIR%20A-2003%20Language)

** INDIA. 7270, AIR Chennai. E mail confirmation was received directly within 3 days for an email report for this new frequency which, according to that reply, has replaced 10330. It is of 100 kW. Their email address is: airavadi@vsnl.com Their postal address is: Mr. K. PALANISAMY, Asst. Station Engineer, All India Radio, Avadi, Chennai-100062. This address can be used for sending reports to AIR Chennai. Their SW frequencies currently in use are 4790, 4920, 7160, 7270 and on MW 720, 783 & 1395. Reports on their new frequency of 7270 will be of special interest to them. It operates at around 0630-1730 (Noel Green, England, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

I think that AIR-Chennai on 7270 will have a hard time competing when Malaysia is on (Ron Howard, CA, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9680, RRI Jakarta, 1220, Apr 3, English, with something like: to learn more about Radio Republik Indonesia Overseas Service, you can contact us by e-mail at ???@rri-online.com or to access our daily transcripts of our news programs visit our web site at <http://www.rri-online.com> Fair (Ron Howard, CA, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3266.4, RRI-Gorontalo (Presumed), Apr 7 1159-1205 24232 Indonesian, Music. 1200 Jakarta news relay.

3325, RRI-Parangkaraya Apr 5 1053-1105 33333 Indonesian, Music. 1100 with IS and ID. Local news.

3344.8, RRI-Ternate (Presumed), Apr 8 1155-1210 33332 Indonesian, Islam music and talk.
3976, RRI-Pontianak Apr 7 1152-1158 34433 Indonesian, 1152 ID, Music.
4606.4, RRI-Serui Apr 7 1127-1139 34333 Indonesian, Music. 2030 with IS. ID. Local news. ID at 1134 and 1138.
4753.4, RRI-Makkasar Apr 7 1055-1103 43443 Indonesian, Music. 2000 with IS. ID. Local news.
4925, RRI-Jambi Apr 8 1123-1135 33333 Indonesian, Islamic music. 1128 ID and IS. ID. Local news (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium via DXLD)

4606.39, RRI Serui, 1028-1045 April 10. Noted chatter between a man and woman during musical program. Signal was poor but audible (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Voice of Iranian Communist Party and Voice of Revolution now 1 hour earlier 1630-1730, 1430-1530, 0230-0330, 0430-0530 on 3880, 4380. Voice of Komala 1 hour earlier 0200-0330, 1600-1730 on 3930, 4615 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Mar 30 via Bueschel, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 7460, Payam-e Doost, probably via Grigoropol', Moldova, *0230-0300, Apr 03, Farsi religious programme and ID, 35444 (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 7525, R Yaran, via Kvits'y, Norway, *1800-2059*, Mar 31, Apr 01, 02, 03 and 04, Farsi anti-Tehran regime talks and phone-ins with live radio heard on website <http://www.bamey.com/voice1.html> just some seconds delayed. ID ``Radio Yaran - AFN''. Mon-Fri only (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 13800, R International, via Kvits'y, Norway, ex 7490, daily since Mar 30, *1630-1715*, Farsi program. The Merlin interval signal is played until 1715*, if the program cannot fill out the timeblock (Bueschel and Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** IRAQ. 6175/11787 (Cf. DX-Window no. 216). No traces of Iraq on these frequencies since Mar 27. Monitored at 0700 and around noon. The Arabic speaking station on 11785 is Egypt - General Service (Karel Honzik, Czechia, via HCDX, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD) See also DENMARK non

** IRAQ. 4500, Information R, 1550-2000*, Apr 02, 05 and 06, Arabic ID's, messages to Iraqis, Arabic and western pop songs, QRM from Xinjiang until its sign off 1800*, then excellent: 45444 ! (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD) I can even hear it on my computer (with ICOM PCR-1000 receiver). (Rolf Wernli, Switzerland, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

9715, Information Radio, via EC-130 Command Solo, 2200-2220, Apr 04, with Arab pop music, clear Arabic ID twice, short Arabic talk then again Arab pop music 23433 (Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

Please be aware that R Tashkent now also uses 9715 for its Foreign Service at 1200-1930, including Arabic 1700-1730 and 1900-1930 (Anker Petersen, Ed., DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

Few minutes ago Apr 9 I was really lucky to hear Information Radio - Radio al-Ma'Yulumat. I could hear them only for ten minutes 1540-1550 UT on 9715 kHz broadcasting in AM-mode, not in SSB as sometimes reported. Two IDs during that time. Signal was stong and steady, at peaks even S9 +10 dB. Radio Tashkent spoiled the pleasure with sign on at 1550 UT. 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, Rx: AOR 7030+, Ant: ALA 1530P-active loop, April 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. U.S. USES IRAQI TV TO SEND ITS MESSAGE
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A5428-2003Apr10.html>
By Mike Allen, Washington Post Staff Writer, Friday, April 11, 2003;
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The Bush administration took over Iraqi state television yesterday, replacing tributes to Saddam Hussein with conciliatory greetings from President Bush, the Pentagon and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The shows were beamed onto Baghdad's Channel 3, one of the deposed government's frequencies. The Pentagon-controlled programming is part of a multimedia campaign to persuade Iraqis -- sometimes by using the abandoned infrastructure of Hussein's propaganda networks -- that their country is being liberated, not occupied, and that self-government and free enterprise are on the way.

"We need to convince Arab audiences, which are still skeptical but are beginning to see evidence of our intentions, that we are true to our word," a senior administration official said. "We are there to help Iraqis create their own new Iraq."

The administration launched the channel the day after Hussein's government collapsed and U.S. troops took control of Baghdad. U.S. officials said that within days, they hope to open a second television channel in Iraq featuring subtitled versions of the three major networks' evening newscasts, as well as PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and Fox News Channel's hour-long politics show, "Special Report With Brit Hume."

The second channel, which the White House decided to fund yesterday,

also will include about two hours of Arabic-language news from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the government agency that oversees Voice of America. The channel might show White House, State Department and Pentagon briefings, officials said.

Norman J. Pattiz, chairman of the Westwood One radio network and a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, said the new channel's mission will be to give Iraqis "an example of what a free press in the American tradition actually is."

CNN declined to have its newscasts included. "As an independent, global news organization, we did not think it was appropriate to participate in a U.S. government transmission," spokeswoman Christa Robinson said.

The efforts in Iraq are the most urgent part of a long-range administration plan to blanket the Arab world with programming promoting American ideals, including a future 24-hour satellite station, the Middle East Television Network.

The White House has asked Congress for \$62 million for the satellite station, which is scheduled to go on the air by year's end. The station, also overseen by the Broadcasting Board of Governors, will feature news, original Arabic programs and dubbed versions of U.S. prime-time fare. Station officials said they have hired a research firm that began conducting polls and focus groups in Persian Gulf states last month to help shape the programming.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks the Bush administration initiated a variety of efforts to manage its image abroad, including a White House Office of Global Communications, a State Department liaison office for Arab media in London, and Radio Sawa, a 24-hour government-funded radio station that began broadcasting throughout the Arab world last year.

Among the other information efforts the administration promoted yesterday, Britain plans to begin distributing 10,000 copies of an Arabic-language newspaper, Al Zaman (The Times), in southern Iraq by this weekend.

Both of the new U.S. government channels in Iraq will be broadcast from Commando Solo, a fleet of converted EC-130E transport planes that has been broadcasting radio shows to Iraq for months as part of the allies' psychological warfare. The schedule on both channels will last about six hours because that is how long Commando Solo planes can stay aloft without refueling, officials said.

The Pentagon began moving ground-based equipment into Baghdad last

night to allow round-the-clock programming throughout Iraq. Officials said Gen. Tommy R. Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, took a personal interest in the project and has ordered that a mobile television production studio be delivered to Baghdad as soon as possible so the station can begin carrying local news stories.

A Pentagon official acknowledged that the initial offerings, scheduled to run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., were "a little rudimentary." After the addresses by Bush and Blair, viewers mostly saw slides of what the official called "Iraqis being liberated," interspersed with screen-size versions of the U.S. military's psychological warfare tracts. Programming also includes military public service announcements including warnings to Iraqis not to evade checkpoints, with the advice to slow down and let the soldier come to them.

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office will program about one hour a night of the Pentagon channel. The British are calling their effort "Towards Freedom TV" and said the inaugural offerings include an interview with Laith Kubba, a prominent Iraqi exile, as well as a "review of the London press," a report on humanitarian aid in Iraq, and an arts feature.

Last night's debut of the Pentagon channel was slightly delayed by power outages. The program opened with a pair of videos from Bush and Blair, taped Tuesday during their summit at Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland.

Bush, seated in front of an orange backdrop, promised viewers allied forces "will help maintain law and order, so that Iraqis can live in security."

"We will help you build a peaceful and representative government that protects the rights of all citizens, and then our military forces will leave," Bush said. "You are a good and gifted people -- the heirs of a great civilization that contributes to all humanity. You deserve better than tyranny and corruption and torture chambers. You deserve to live as free people." He ended with a smile.

Blair told Iraqis they are "an inventive, creative people," and promised that the money from Iraqi oil will stay in Iraq. "I know that some of you feared a repeat of 1991, when you thought Saddam's rule was being ended, but he stayed, and you suffered," Blair said. "That will not happen this time."

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer was peppered with questions about why the United States was using Pentagon programming instead of independent shows. "We welcome the day when the Iraqi people will have whatever they want in their country as far as media and free

media can flourish," he said. "I don't think it's fair to say that the Iraqi people can come together and start putting out a broadcast one day after a statue fell." (© 2003 The Washington Post Company via Kraig Krist, DXLD)

No one bothers to point out that Iraq's channel 3 is in the E system, equivalent to channel 2 in the A system! I believe this one has been frequently DXed as far away as Europe and Australia, the original ground-based transmitter, that is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. OUT OF SPIN

[caption:]

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf: "No presence." (AP)
By Lloyd Grove, Thursday, April 10, 2003; Page C03

All over Washington, public relations professionals are distraught at the sudden disappearance from television screens of Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahhaf.

"Many of us turned to his daily briefings just as people in this town look forward to their morning Starbucks," said veteran Democratic operative Dale Leibach, a principal in Prism Public Affairs and a man with an antic sense of humor. "We need to bring him over here to practice his amazing public relations skills. He has taken our profession, such as it is, to a level that is as inexplicable as it is humbling. I would hire him in a nanosecond."

In recent days, Sahhaf has dazzled professional spinmeisters here with his irrepressible optimism -- "The infidels are committing suicide by the hundreds on the gates of Baghdad" -- and his uncanny gift for the mot juste, at one point referring to the United States, Great Britain and their supporters as a "gang of bloodsucking bastards."

Some of Sahhaf's greatest hits:

- ï "There is no presence of American infidels in the city of Baghdad."
- ï "We butchered the force present at the airport."
- ï "Iraqi fighters in Umm Qasr are giving the hordes of American and British mercenaries the taste of definite death."
- ï Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is "a criminal dog." Rumsfeld and President Bush "only deserve to be hit with shoes."
- ï "After we finish defeating all of those animals we will disclose

that with facts and figures."

Leibach, a veteran of the Jimmy Carter White House and the offices of Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and former senator Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), told us: "There was great concern on Monday when we heard that his office was bombed. In all my years in this business, I have never seen anyone handle himself with such 'skill' as he demonstrated during his press briefing yesterday -- with his Ministry of Information building literally on fire, causing him to move his news conference to the sidewalk, and with the flames visible behind him, saying with a straight face that they had 'the infidels' on the run, that the Iraqis are winning this war. They just don't teach you that in college. This is a PR guy who may give new meaning to 'knowing how to take a bullet' for a client. Literally." (Lloyd Grove, Reliable Source, Washington Post April 10 via Tom McNiff, DXLD)

** IRAQ. PICTURE BULLETIN OF VOICE OF LIBERATION OF IRAQ 1730 GMT 10 APRIL 03

[Reception: Average-poor- to worthless in parts]

1. Opening announcement by male presenter: "This is Voice of the Liberation of Iraq [Ar: Huna Sawt Tahrir Al-Iraq], voice of democracy, equality and liberation. Voice of peace, tolerance and coexistence, voice of the civil society and voice of the various ethnic groups, religions and rites in Iraq."
2. Times of broadcasting and frequencies of the radio.
3. Call from the coalition forces' command to the masses of Kirkuk: national property in Kirkuk and other Iraqi towns belong to the Iraqi people and not to the Iraqi regime or Saddam and his aides: Thus all citizens are called upon to protect this public property and not damage it.
4. News:
 - a. A Kurdish commander announces control over Kirkuk. Reuters quoted a Kurdish commander as saying that Kirkuk is now under the control of Kurdish fighters.
 - b. Reuters correspondent said he saw US tanks advancing towards Mosul.
 - c. US military spokesman said US forces have taken control of Al-Qa'im near Syrian border.
 - d. Russian paper said that attack against Russian diplomatic convoy can be explained as being a clash between Russian and US intelligence to obtain secret archives of Saddam and said that these documents were likely to be in Moscow.
 - e. Russia has denied reports that Saddam has sought refuge at Russian embassy in Baghdad.
 - f. Jordanian source has denied that Saddam has fled to Jordan. A lot of speculation going on as to whereabouts of Saddam and his information minister.

- g. AFP has said that thousands of Kurds took to the streets in a number of Kurdish towns to celebrate US control over Baghdad.
 - h. Mubarak said there is need for Iraqis to administer their country as soon as possible.
 - i. Powell has informed his Egyptian counterpart on the situation in Baghdad. Iraqi opposition has said that the regime's leaders have retreated to Tikrit. Fleisher quoted on Saddam and situation in Iraq.
 - j. Report on the situation in Baghdad.
5. Call from coalition forces' command to citizens in Kirkuk and other ethnic groups to remain calm and not resort to revenge under any reason. All those who commit such a crime will be severely punished by the coalition forces.
6. Song.
7. Call to citizens in Kirkuk and surrounding areas not to resort to acts of revenge.
8. Saddam fell and all the big lies fell with him. The fall of Saddam's regime came as a shock in various parts of the Arab world which is divided regarding this war.
- [Turkish station opened on the same frequency making the voice of liberation of Iraq inaudible for a few minutes].
9. Commentary: "Abandoning the Iraqi regime is not difficult": Only yesterday, Russia, Germany and France were at the forefront of those who opposed the war.
10. Song.

Source: Voice of the Liberation of Iraq, in Arabic 1730 gmt 10 Apr 03
(via BBCM via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. PROGRAMME SUMMARY OF RADIO TIKRIT NEWS 1900 GMT 10 APRIL 03

- 1. Announcement: Huna Radio Tikrit: This is Radio Tikrit - which is repeated several times.
- 2. Programme preview
- 3. Readings from the Koran
- 4. Song
- 5. News:
 - a. Looting widespread in Baghdad. Kirkuk falls in the hands of Kurdish fighters.
 - b. Shi'i leader Al-Khu'i was killed in Al-Najaf.
 - c. Suicide operation near Palestine Hotel in Baghdad: A number of US marines injured.
 - d. Kofi Annan said that coalition forces are responsible for implementing Geneva Convention in Iraq. Annan said Iraqi ambassador to UN has not made official request for protection or political asylum. The Iraqi envoy is quoted.
 - e. Red Cross resumed operations in Baghdad.
 - f. US Central Command officer said there are no US forces in Tikrit.
 - g. US forces in Al-Amara have found Al-Sumud II missiles.

h. Egyptian president met Saudi foreign minister and called for working for securing stability and security in Iraq.

6. Song

7. The sudden fall of Saddam has stunned the world. Round-up of worldwide reactions to Saddam's fall. Al-Sharq al-Awsat wrote an article on the whereabouts of Saddam.

8. Song.

9. Continuation of round-up of worldwide reactions to Saddam's fall and on the whereabouts of Saddam.

10. Song

11. [Impersonator] [In Arabic] God is great; God is great; accursed be the criminals; o great nation; o the good people of this homeland; this is your day and this is your hour as the criminal Bush rises [people in the background laughing and exchanging a few words with me]; I will tell you, let us drop this [more noise in the background]; what about my speech? Leave the song [more noise in the background]. Come on, do you think I am a singer? Leave me alone.

Play the song, I tell you.

[A member of the group] Yes sir. Do you have another request?

[Impersonator] Play [people laughing the background] [In English] DJ, Saddam with you. If you don't like me, I kill you [more laughter]. I am Saddam, I don't have a bomb; I am not a soldier, I work at a farm. Bush wanna kick me, I don't know why and if I call him, he does me goodbye. Smoking weed and getting high. I know the devil is by my side. My days are finished and I will die; all I need is chilly fries. [In Arabic] Why is that one not dancing? Come on man dance; I'll remove your eye and the eye of the one who gave birth to you. [Singing again in English] I am so dead, I am so bad. Stop killing Iraqis [words indistinct]. I am big daddy, this is my game. I don't have feelings; I don't have shame; forty-eight hours left, Bush said; all my troops left me and fled; now I am sitting by myself; my ass is shaking, I am going to hell. Where is the music?

[Member of the group] Mr President, this is a part with no music in it.

[Impersonator] [In Arabic] Stop showing off, speak in Iraqi [words indistinct]. May God curse you. [Singing again in English] I am for adoption, anybody wanna adopt me? [Noise in the background and someone saying in English: Yes, Saddam wanna adopt a new dog; others saying: Shake it, shake]

[Impersonator talking in Arabic] Who says he does not have songs or music. I say I have a big heart and I say goodbye to you [all the others replying in English: Bye-bye, may God curse you, bye-bye for ever]. [Words indistinct] [Singing in English again] Everybody in the house say you hate me [others replying in English: we hate you]. What's up? What's going on when I rap, yeah? Saddam in the house. Everybody in the house say we hate you [other replying in English: we hate you] Everybody in the house say I hate you [others replying: we

hate you] [Repeated several times]

12. Call to all Iraqis not to damage public property and safeguard security and prevent looting.
13. Song by Iraqi singer Kadhim al-Sahir.
14. Call to governorates of liberated Iraq not to resort to revenge acts.
15. Song
16. Looting tarnishes the reputation of Iraq and the Iraqis and is prohibited by religion.
17. Song.
18. To the inhabitants of Mosul: All the Iraqis in all governorates are looking at you and tell you to urge everybody to stop fighting as this is all futile, even Baghdad has fallen and nobody knows what happened to Saddam and his sons. If you join the coalition forces that would be better for you.
19. Forces from the Kurdish peshmerga and the coalition have entered Kirkuk. We hope that this town will live in peace.
20. Song.
21. Repeat of call against looting. [See item 12 above].
22. Song.
23. Independent sources from Karbala and Al-Najaf have said that the Islamic holy shrines are safe and many people are visiting the tombs of Imam Ali and Imam Al-Husayn.
24. Continuation of round-up of worldwide reactions to Saddam's fall and on the whereabouts of Saddam.
25. Song.
26. News: [See item 5 above].

Source: Radio Tikrit in Arabic 1900 gmt 10 Apr 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** IRAQ. MEDIA BEHAVIOUR ROUND-UP 1630 GMT 10 APR 03

The US and British governments have set up a new Arabic-language TV channel for viewers in Iraq, named "Towards Freedom". US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair would broadcast direct to the Iraqi people on the new TV station when it launched on 10 April, Downing Street announced. The broadcasts would be transmitted on a frequency of Iraqi state TV from specially-equipped US C-130 Hercules aircraft flying over Iraq. They would provide news and "coalition public service announcements".

BBC Monitoring continues to receive reports on 10 April of transmitters carrying pro-Saddam Husayn radio and TV in the area of northern Iraq. TV and radio have not been reported on the air in Baghdad by any news sources. Iraq Satellite Channel is not on the air. The following are BBC Monitoring's observations for the 24-hour period ending 1630 gmt 10 April 2003:

Iraq Satellite Channel has not been observed since 1618 gmt on 7 April. The satellite frequencies used by Iraq Satellite Channel have shown colour bars since 1040 gmt on 9 April.

Republic of Iraq Television

The domestic TV channel cannot be observed by BBC Monitoring but has been reported still on the air on 10 April in northern Iraq. The signal is probably from a TV transmitter at Ninawah. As of 1105 gmt on 10 April, the TV station was on the air carrying patriotic songs over a still station identification caption. No normal programming has been observed.

No news sources have reported any TV services on the air in Baghdad.

Republic of Iraq Radio Main Service has been heard in northern Iraq on 657 kHz (location unknown) and 603 kHz mediumwave (believed to be a transmitter at Ninawah near Mosul) during the reporting period. The transmitter was off the air during observations at 1115 gmt.

On 657 kHz, the frequency of the Republic of Iraq's Kurdish radio service, the following was observed:

1900-2100 gmt 9 April: National songs; most of the songs were about Saddam, and some about jihad (holy war).

0300 gmt: Readings from the Holy Koran.

0300-0400 gmt: The announcer repeated twice: "This is Republic of Iraq broadcasting from Baghdad."

0330 gmt: The 99 attributes of God.

0400-0600 gmt: Patriotic songs.

(excerpts: BBCM via DXLD)

[Note what they say about 657: not previously reported since the war started. If this programming is produced by Saddam loyalists in northern Iraq, I guess it would qualify as clandestine? Transmitter location listed as unknown in WRTH03.- Clandestine Radio Watch]

BBC MONITORING EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Analysis: New media emerging for a new Iraq | Text of editorial analysis by BBC Monitoring Media Services on 10 April

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A Downing Street spokesman added that the broadcasts would be transmitted initially for one hour a day on a frequency of Iraqi state TV from specially-equipped US C-130 Hercules aircraft flying

over Iraq. They would provide news and "coalition public service announcements".

In a statement to the House of Commons on 10 April, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said, among other things: "... Our responsibilities to the people of Iraq go well beyond immediate humanitarian relief. For a generation, Iraqi people were starved of information both about developments in their own country and in the wider world. But those days when they had to labour under the lies spread by Saddam's propaganda machine are at an end. I am pleased to announce that a new Arabic television service, Towards Freedom, is being launched in Iraq today with opening statements from my Right Honourable Friend the Prime Minister and President Bush."

Messages broadcast on the new TV channel from the two leaders, recorded on 8 April when they met for a summit in Northern Ireland, included pledges to prosecute the war against Saddam Husayn until the end, and to help rebuild Iraq. "I assure every citizen of Iraq, your nation will soon be free... At this moment the regime of Saddam Husayn is being removed from power and a long era of fear and cruelty is ending," international news agencies cited President Bush as saying in his message.

The new US-UK TV channel will initially be available to viewers in central Iraq, including Baghdad, before being extended nationwide. Programming has been agreed following discussions with the Iraqi exile community in London, British officials said. The service will last until a "proper, free and open" media can be established, a British Foreign Office spokesman was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile the US Arabic-language station Radio Sawa, the Voice of America's Kurdish service and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Radio Free Iraq are all being broadcast from FM transmitters in Arbil and Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq.

As Iraqis wait for the US to announce the names of the officials who will take over the interim administration of their country, significant changes are already under way in the country's media.

Media reflect regime change

Journalists in Baghdad said that on 9 April Iraqi Information Minister Mohammad Sa'id al-Sahhaf had failed to make his usual daily appearance. A BBC reporter noted that the "broadcasting complex" next to the Ministry of Information building was among the buildings in Baghdad now under coalition control. And in another indication that power had slipped away from Saddam Husayn's regime within Baghdad, the foreign media were free on 9 April to operate for the first time

without being monitored by "minders" from the Information Ministry. On the afternoon of 9 April, TV stations around the world showed live footage of a statue of Saddam Husayn being toppled by crowds of Iraqis in a Baghdad square, assisted by the US military.

Many pan-Arab TV channels carried live footage of the prolonged attempts to topple the statue of the Iraqi president. Commentators were united in saying that the event was history in the making. By contrast, many state-run TV channels in the Arab world - including Syria, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia - did not broadcast it live.

International broadcasters

Radio Sawa, the USA's Arabic-language station, has begun broadcasting 24 hours a day in northern Iraq from FM transmitters in Arbil (100.5 MHz) and Sulaymaniyah (101.7 MHz), the US Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) announced on 8 April.

Voice of America (VOA) Kurdish and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's (RFE/RL) Arabic, known as Radio Free Iraq, are also being transmitted on FM from Arbil, both on 104.5 MHz, for two hours and one hour a day respectively.

Psy-ops broadcasts

Radio Tikrit, launched in February 2003, continues to broadcast material critical of Saddam Husayn. The broadcast heard by BBC Monitoring at 1900 gmt on 9 April included a song entitled "Congratulations"; in another item, a comic pretending to be Saddam Husayn sang a rap song in English with lyrics including "Everybody in the house say we hate you". The broadcast also contained repeated appeals to the people of Baghdad to remain calm and not to loot public buildings such as ministries and hospitals because such scenes could be viewed around the world on TV.

Another Iraqi opposition radio station, Twin Rivers Radio, on 9 April broadcast calls to Iraqi soldiers telling them that US-led forces mean them no harm; their aim, rather, was to liberate them. The station also broadcast instructions to the Iraqi military telling them how to indicate that they were not hostile, "otherwise they would face the consequences of their actions". Twin Rivers Radio, operated by the Iraqi National Accord, was first heard in February 2002, and is believed to broadcast from a transmitter in Kuwait.

New media landscape on the horizon

The officials of the shadow Iraqi government gathered in Kuwait are expected to work under Jay Garner, the retired US general designated

head of non-military operations once the war in Iraq ends. They include Robert Reilly, a former director of the Voice of America. Reilly is reported to be working with Iraqi exiles on developing radio broadcasting in the future Iraq.

The Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and the Federation of Arab Journalists are to meet in the Moroccan capital Rabat on 12 April to discuss how to help the media in Iraq to move forward, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Developing a free and democratic press after the fall of Saddam Husayn's regime is high on the priorities of the US and Britain. Journalists' organizations, as well as international broadcasters, are keen to have their say also in how the Iraqi media landscape evolves. Source: BBC Monitoring research 10 Apr 03 [excerpts, via DXLD)

** IRAQ [and non]. MEDIA BEHAVIOUR ROUND-UP 1630 GMT 11 APR 2003

Iraq Satellite Channel has not been observed since 1618 gmt on 7 April. Colour bars have been observed on the channel's frequencies since 1024 gmt on 9 April.

Republic of Iraq Television

No video or audio from the domestic TV channel has been observed by BBC Monitoring as of 1200 gmt on 11 April.

No news sources have reported any TV services on the air in Baghdad.

Republic of Iraq Radio Main Service was untraced by BBC Monitoring on its usual frequencies in the reporting period.

No news sources have reported any radio services on the air in Baghdad.

Voice of Youth radio, operated by Uday Saddam Husayn, was last heard by BBC Monitoring at 0430 gmt on 25 March.

Internet -- The web site of the Iraqi News Agency -
<http://www.uruklink.net/iraqnews/> - and other Iraqi sites hosted on
<http://www.uruklink.net> were inaccessible.

Other broadcasts targeting Iraq

The following stations were heard by BBC Monitoring during the reporting period:

Radio Tikrit - 1584 kHz.

Voice of the People of Kurdistan, radio of the Jalal Talabani-led Patriotic Union of Kurdistan; transmitters based in Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq; signed off at 1700 gmt; heard on 1206 and 4025 kHz.

Voice of the Liberation of Iraq [sawt tahrir al-iraq]; signed on at 1730 gmt saying "This is the Voice of the Liberation of Iraq, voice of all sects in Iraq."; heard on 1206 and 4025 kHz.

Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, voice of the Kurdistan Democratic Party led by Mas'ud Barzani; heard on 4085 kHz. After carrying its Arabic programmes, including a newscast at 1830 gmt, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan broadcast "communiqués issued by the international coalition command on coordinating activities under the current circumstances in our Iraqi homeland. These communiqués include instructions and guidance, which will be beneficial to you, in order to preserve the lives, property, and future of our people and homeland."

Voice of the Iraqi People, voice of the Iraqi Communist Party; heard on 3900 and 5880 kHz. This radio continues to carry its usual pre-war anti-Iraqi regime programmes. It was observed at 1835 gmt on 10 April to carry appeals and instructions to its party members to "extend their services to the people". One such appeal read as follows: "To comrades of Jabbar, Sa'dun Dhi Qar, Abu-Ammar al-Diwaniyah, Abu-Tammuz and his comrades, Al-Hajj Abu-Husayn and the comrades of the truth and comrades of Martyr Abu-Hind. From Hadi to the comrades of Salam and Mufid. The Party greets you and calls on you to undertake active moves to implement its programme and directives. Be with the masses of the people and extend to them any service and help that lies within your power. Gather the Party masses and comrades and strengthen your ties with the people." The radio's commentaries were opposed to "both the war and the dictatorship".

Voice of the Iraqi Republic, Voice of the Iraqi People, which has been broadcasting against the Iraqi regime since January 1991, was not heard during the reporting period on its usual frequencies of 4785, 9570 and 11710 kHz. However, the station was heard during the past few days carrying appeals to Iraqi people and army to rebel against the Iraqi regime.

Twin Rivers Radio; heard on 1566 kHz. This station, which has broadcast since February 2002, carried Arabic music and talks against the Iraqi regime. The station has recently been carrying anti-Saddam Husayn talks and "instructions and guidance" from the coalition forces.

Al-Mustaql (The Future) radio is the voice of the Iraqi National Accord and has existed since February 1998. It has not been heard in

recent weeks. (BBCM via DXLD)

VOICE OF THE LIBERATION OF IRAQ - PROGRAMME SUMMARY 1730 GMT 10 APRIL 03

1. Opening announcement by male presenter: "This is Voice of the Liberation of Iraq [Arabic: huna sawt tahrir al-iraq], voice of democracy, equality and liberation. Voice of peace, tolerance and coexistence, voice of the civil society and voice of the various ethnic groups, religions and rites in Iraq."
2. Times of broadcasting and frequencies of the radio.
3. Call from the coalition forces' command to the masses of Kirkuk: national property in Kirkuk and other Iraqi towns belong to the Iraqi people and not to the Iraqi regime or Saddam and his aides: Thus all citizens are called upon to protect this public property and not damage it.
4. News:
 - a. A Kurdish commander announces control over Kirkuk. Reuters quoted a Kurdish commander as saying that Kirkuk is now under the control of Kurdish fighters.
 - b. Reuters correspondent said he saw US tanks advancing towards Mosul.
 - c. US military spokesman said US forces have taken control of Al-Qa'im near Syrian border.
 - d. Russian paper said that attack against Russian diplomatic convoy can be explained as being a clash between Russian and US intelligence to obtain secret archives of Saddam and said that these documents were likely to be in Moscow.
 - e. Russia has denied reports that Saddam has sought refuge at Russian embassy in Baghdad.
 - f. Jordanian source has denied that Saddam has fled to Jordan. A lot of speculation going on as to whereabouts of Saddam and his information minister.
 - g. AFP has said that thousands of Kurds took to the streets in a number of Kurdish towns to celebrate US control over Baghdad.
 - h. Mubarak said there is need for Iraqis to administer their country as soon as possible.
 - i. Powell has informed his Egyptian counterpart on the situation in Baghdad. Iraqi opposition has said that the regime's leaders have retreated to Tikrit. Fleisher quoted on Saddam and situation in Iraq.
 - j. Report on the situation in Baghdad.
5. Call from coalition forces' command to citizens in Kirkuk and other ethnic groups to remain calm and not resort to revenge under any reason. All those who commit such a crime will be severely punished by the coalition forces.
6. Song.
7. Call to citizens in Kirkuk and surrounding areas not to resort to acts of revenge.

8. Saddam fell and all the big lies fell with him. The fall of Saddam's regime came as a shock in various parts of the Arab world which is divided regarding this war.
9. Commentary: "Abandoning the Iraqi regime is not difficult": Only yesterday, Russia, Germany and France were at the forefront of those who opposed the war.
10. Song.

OTHER IRAQ-RELATED REPORTS

NEW US-UK TV STATION BROADCASTS TO IRAQ

The US-led campaign to win Iraqi hearts and minds has been stepped up. A new television channel is being broadcast in Iraq airing messages from the American president and British prime minister. BBC correspondent Keith Adams filed the following dispatch on 10 April:

"In the new era that is coming to Iraq, your country will no longer be held captive to the will of a cruel dictator. You will be free."

President George Bush addressing the Iraqi people on their new television channel. Towards Freedom is its name, broadcast from an American Hercules aeroplane. If Iraqis tune in to the frequency once occupied by state television, this is the station they get:

"I'm glad to be able to speak to you today, to tell you that Saddam Husayn's regime is collapsing, that the years of brutality, oppression and fear are coming to an end."

Reassurance from the British prime minister, Tony Blair. The aim of the channel is pretty clear, to convince viewers the US-led troops are a liberating force for good. We're told Iraqis are used to tuning in to propaganda from their leader - perhaps Towards Freedom won't seem such a new experience.

IRAQI KURDISH PUK TV REPORTS BUSH, BLAIR MESSAGES TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE

Excerpt from report by Iraqi Patriotic Union of Kurdistan satellite TV on 10 April

US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair have used a new television station to send their message to the Iraqi people.

Bush said that the American and coalition forces were operating inside Baghdad and will not stop until Saddam's regime was toppled. The government of Iraq and the future of the country would soon belong to the Iraqis.

In his TV appearance Blair said Saddam Husayn's regime was collapsing and that the use of brutality, oppression and fear were coming to an end, and that a new and better was there for the future of Iraq.

Blair sought to reassure the Iraqi people that this time the coalition will not retreat to leave them at the mercy of Saddam as happened in 1991. [Text of Blair and Bush's messages]

COST OF RADIO RECEIVERS GOES UP IN LINE WITH PEOPLE'S NEED FOR LATEST NEWS | Text of report by Iraqi Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) newspaper Brayati on 9 April

Today, at the peak of the war launched by the coalition forces against the Iraqi regime, the radio receiver is the most saleable and most necessary media equipment that the citizens need, particularly at a time when electricity gets disconnected in the cities, as well as in villages and the rural areas where perhaps not all villages have been supplied with electricity. That is why it is through the radio receiver that the people seek the most updated and hottest news of the war front. Consequently, the price of buying and selling radios has undergone a remarkable rise in the markets.

MEDIA BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

Syrian and Lebanese media sources monitored between 1400-2200 gmt on 10 April continued to cover events in Iraq, carrying factual reports on the situation there.

Syria

In its 1730 gmt newscast, the Syrian Space Channel carried factual reporting on the situation in Iraq. The station, however, described the suicide attack that targeted US forces close to the Palestine Hotel on 10 April as a fedayeen [martyrdom] operation. The station also cited reports on various world leaders voicing their opposition to the war. It also cited reports on anti-war activists arriving in Jordan describing US policy as an aggression that targeted civilians. The newscast included minor coverage of events in the Palestinian territories. For a considerable time prior and after the newscast, the station showed footage of historical sites and touristic summer retreats in Iraq.

In its newscasts at 1515 and 2015 gmt, Syrian Arab Republic Radio carried Syria's official reaction to the events in Iraq, which called for an end to the "occupation". The 2015 cast carried the Syrian President's phone conversation with the UN secretary-general during which the former emphasized that securing Iraq's future requires a withdrawal of the "occupation forces". The rest of the cast contained factual reports on events in Iraq, including the ongoing chaos and

the assassination of Shi'i leader Abd-al-Majid al-Khu'i.

Lebanon

Prior to its 1730 gmt newscast, Al-Manar Television, affiliated with pro-Iranian Hezbollah, carried prayers and sayings by Prophet Muhammad. The newscast carried factual reports on events in Baghdad and Kirkuk, with people celebrating and others looting. The station carried a factual report on the attack on US forces, citing a US spokesman describing it as a suicide attack. It also carried reports on the looting saying that the perpetrators are doing that while US forces watch unconcerned and are even encouraging them. The station also carried parts of the speeches of President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair but these were followed by scenes of US tanks firing, wounded civilians and the text caption "The US Aggression on Iraq".

In its newscast at 1630 gmt government-owned Tele Liban carried factual reports on the situation in Iraq, showing parts of the speeches by President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair as well as domestic news.

Egypt - media behaviour report 10 April 03

Egyptian TV and radio focused on developments in Baghdad, stressing that US forces are in complete control of the city.

TV channels showed video images of the chaotic situation in the Iraqi capital with scenes of looting of government buildings, the German embassy and the French cultural centre. They also showed the addresses of US President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair to the Iraqi people, while Egyptian radio commented on the addresses saying that not many Iraqis saw them because of the power failures in most areas of Iraq.

In a dispatch from Baghdad, the correspondent of Egyptian TV, an Iraqi lady by the name of Rafal Mahdi, said that US and British forces seemed strange in the Iraqi capital as they showed off their advanced weapons which killed, wounded and made thousands of civilians homeless. She also said that people welcomed the appearance of American soldiers because they felt relieved for the end of the bombardment.

The dispatch added that most people in Baghdad were not content with the presence of US forces. She presented recorded statements by two Iraqi citizens who asserted that they did not like to have American soldiers in their country because they represent a conspiracy against Iraq and their presence threatens the life of Iraqis.

Pan-Arab TV stations report Iraqi "anger" at US presence

Pan-Arab satellite television stations reported on the situation in northern Iraq and a suicide bombing against US forces in Baghdad in early morning news bulletins on 11 April. They also highlighted continued fighting in the Iraqi capital and opposition among Iraqis to the presence of US forces in the country.

Al-Jazeera satellite TV

Al-Jazeera satellite TV's news bulletin at 0300 gmt (0600 local time in Syria, 0700 in Saudi Arabia) gave precedence to the suicide bombing which killed US soldiers in Baghdad. It highlighted continuing fighting around the Iraqi capital, including a battle near a mosque, showing the bodies of dead Iraqis lying in the streets. The bulletin carried a video report showing the damage to Al-Jazeera's office in Baghdad from US bombing in which one of its reporters died on 8 April. It also reported on looting in the capital. The station then reported on the situation in northern Iraq and the pledge to withdraw Kurdish forces from Kirkuk.

The news bulletin's opening headlines were: Marines killed in suicide operation in Baghdad ... Kurdish forces to withdraw from Kirkuk ... US defence secretary says forces begin to enter Mosul without fighting.

Al-Arabiya satellite TV

Al-Arabiya satellite TV's 0300 gmt news bulletin began with a short report on the situation in Kirkuk and Turkey's fears the city will fall under Kurdish control. The station then reported briefly on the assassination of the Iraqi shi'i leader Abd-al-Majid al-Khu'i and then on the suicide bombing which killed US troops in Baghdad.

The channel then carried a series of reports from Baghdad. The first was on grieving Iraqis in various parts of the capital, showing destruction from bombing and damaged mosques. The second report focused on looting and "chaos" in Baghdad. Another investigated conflicting feelings of Iraqis, with some grieving as others celebrated. It showed a woman speaking in support of Saddam Husayn and Western human shields shouting at American soldiers to go home. A further report focused on Arab volunteers in Baghdad fighting for Saddam.

The bulletin's opening headlines were: Kurdish leader asks peshmerga forces to leave Kirkuk after Turkish protests ... Iraq shi'i leader assassinated in Al-Najaf ... US troops killed in suicide operation in Baghdad.

Abu Dhabi satellite TV

Abu Dhabi TV's news bulletin at 0200 gmt began with extensive reporting on the situation in northern Iraq, including the Kurdish decision to withdraw from Kirkuk and advances towards Mosul. It viewed the developments there as "another sign of the Iraqi regime's loss of control", and showed statues being removed.

The station then reported on the death of an Iraqi civilian during US-Iraqi fighting near a mosque in Baghdad. It also carried a report on looting and theft in the Iraqi capital, and on continued fighting and Iraqi resistance there, despite celebrations around Iraq. A further report highlighted anger among some Iraqis at the American military presence, "which they consider to be an occupation", and the destruction and death of Iraqi civilians in Baghdad from coalition bombing. "Although the bombing might have stopped, their anger hasn't gone away," a reporter said, citing a man who had lost four members of his family in US and British bombing raids.

The bulletin's opening headlines were: Kurdish peshmerga forces to withdraw from Kirkuk ... Looters reign in Baghdad; anger at American presence. Source: BBC Monitoring research in English 11 Apr 03 (excerpts via DXLD)

REPORTING THE WAR: THE VIEW FROM THE SOFA

Analysis by Andy Sennitt, 11 April 2003

Three weeks of listening to, and watching, nothing but continuous media coverage of the war in Iraq may not be good for my state of mind, but it does qualify me to comment on how some of the broadcasters have handled the task of reporting the war thus far. . .
<http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/media030411.html>
(via DXLD)

BBC - THE BUSH-BLAIR COALITION - STARTS TV SERVICE IN IRAQ

Well, the day's main media story developed with breathtaking speed, and for perhaps the only time since it opened, I actually found some useful information on the official 10 Downing Street Web site <http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page3470.asp> There you'll find lots of information about the coalition's new TV service for Iraq, Towards Freedom TV (in Arabic: 'nahoo al-hurriya'). You can view the text of the messages to the people of Iraq that Bush and Blair recorded during their Northern Ireland meeting - and even watch them in streaming Real Video if you're desperate for something to do! More information on our main Iraq media news page.

The transmission in Iraq was scheduled to go out at 1400 UT, but even before that some TV stations were carrying extracts of it. Tarek said he saw about 2 seconds on Abu Dhabi TV, apparently as a result of a switching error. In The Netherlands, NOS had it with Dutch subtitles on top of the Arabic subtitles, which must have infuriated the 41,000 Iraqis living here :-)

The TV service was apparently masterminded by the British, but 80% of the material will originate in the US - some things never change :-) The Brits seem very proud of the fact that the whole thing was put together in eight days, about the same time it takes a TV repair man in the UK to come and fix your set. Now, if they could only get things like law and order, food distribution and medical supplies in Iraq sorted out that fast, I'm sure the population would really appreciate it.

I was interested to see that they even included all the technical stuff about Commando Solo. Now, maybe I'm getting cynical in my old age, but I venture to suggest that this isn't so much Number 10 being interested in DXing and shortwave listening as the person charged with putting the information on the Web site being incapable of deciding what information is relevant and what isn't.

We also had a report from a Russian news agency that one of their correspondents had heard Iraqi radio last night hailing the fall of Saddam. It looks as if the correspondent - if he heard anything at all - was listening to an opposition station as there's no state radio on the air in Baghdad, and today BBC Monitoring could still hear pro-Saddam broadcasts coming - presumably - from northern Iraq. But with today's military developments, I doubt they'll be on for much longer (Andy Sennitt, RN blog April 10 via DXLD)

NOT AS EASY AS ABC

Reports coming out of Washington that US officials plan to beam US domestic TV news into Iraq with Arabic subtitles would be funny if the situation wasn't so serious. As someone who has worked in and around international broadcasting for 30 years, I have some **very** strong views on this. In the true tradition of Radio Netherlands, I will of course be happy to publish other opinions :-) <http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/editorial.html> (Andy Sennitt, Media Network newsletter April 11 via DXLD)

Norman J. Pattiz, chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Middle East committee, said the White House sent a message to him last week asking if he could provide American-style news programming for broadcast in Iraq.

<http://www.oaklandtribune.com/Stories/0,1413,82~1865~1319069,00.html> (via Jilly Dybka, DXLD)

NET-BASED CAMPAIGN ABANDONED

by Lou Dolinar and Knut Royce STAFF WRITERS. Knut Royce is a special correspondent. April 9, 2003

The U.S. military command has apparently abandoned as ineffective an elaborate, Internet-based psychological-operations campaign that used e-mail, phone text messages and spam to woo top Iraqi generals, Baath Party leaders and the population at large, Newsday has learned. [...] Attacks on communications infrastructure were fiercely opposed by some of Rumsfeld's civilian advisers, sources said. They said that the psychological operations campaign, along with leafleting and clandestine radio, has provoked large numbers of regular army troops to desert and that the jury was out on whether it was deterring the use of weapons of mass destruction. In addition, they say U.S. Special Operations forces, who have been extensively tapping into Iraq's land lines, were turning up valuable intelligence. "This was always a long shot," said one of the sources, who pointed out that a similar campaign against Serbia and Slobodan Milosevic in the 1990s had failed. "But it is something we had to try." [...]

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/ny-wospam033214079apr09,0,1571807.story?coll=ny-worldnews-headlines>
(Apr 9, 2003 via J. Dybka-TN-USA for CRW via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. 3900.0, Voice of the Iraqi People, Iraqi Kurdistan, 1925-1935 on prolonged schedule, Arabic talks about Iraq, complete ID's at 1929, 1932 and 1933: ``Sawt al-Shab al-Iraqi, idha`atu al-Hizb al-Shuju`i al-Iraqi'', Arab music, 44444. Usual parallel 5900v was inaudible (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Apr 10 via DXLD) see also KURDISTAN

4085, Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, Salah al-Din near Mosul, Iraq. While the Kurdistan Democratic Front is approaching Mosul supported by U.S. Special Forces, I heard for the first time a message in English via this clandestine. On Apr 05 at 2000-2022 there was as usual a long proclamation against Saddam Hussein in Arabic. This was followed by military band music and an eight minutes long, but badly modulated message in U.S. English about the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, instructions to Iraqis on how to safeguard themselves and not provoke fatal incidents at Coalition checkpoints, and requirement that prisoners of war should be treated according to the Geneva Conventions. After Kurdish music the station signed off 2033*. 44443. On Apr 06, the station closed down after a Arabic proclamation at 2016*. 45444 (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

4785, Republic of Iraq R, via Jeddah, 0200-0210, Apr 01, and 2050-2100, Apr 07, Arabic talks, 22232, heard // original frequency 9570 (45333). 9563 was not audible (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window April

10 via DXLD)

9570.0, Voice of Iraqi People [sic], Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Mar 31, Arabic to Iraq, very strong also on 11710.00, but no trace of 9563v. Scheduled 1300-0300 (Bueschel, DSWCI DX Window April 10 via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non non?]. As US troops tore down a statue of Saddam Hussein in Central Baghdad, clandestine radio station al-Mustaqbal, "The Future", celebrated victory in its hideout in Amman, Jordan. Now al-Mustaqbal has resumed its race to move into Iraq as soon as possible to establish a radio station there. A new report on DXing.info from the frontline of information warfare in Iraq: "Radio for the Future of Iraq" at http://www.dxing.info/profiles/clandestine_future.dx (Mika Mäkeläinen, Finland, April 10, dxing.info via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. Well, listening to wady al rafedayen on 1566 kHz [Kuwait] today 11/4/03 around 1823 UT, they had the political comment I noticed that they started getting a bit religious saying that You Iraqi people have been blessed as God says in the Holy Qur'an, "O you believers, Allah is supporting you and moving you from darkness to the Light" referring to the US change of power and kicking Saddam out. Well, well, now using the Holly Qur'an for a special cause --- what's next? Noticed as well they still having that usual announcement for the Iraqi soldiers to stop fighting!!! (Tarek Zeidan Cairo, Egypt 11/4/03 1830 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. IRAQI AMATEUR OPERATION REPORTED

The Daily DX <http://www.dailyydx.com> this week reported that Jim Dunkerton, KT4CK, of Tennessee, has been active from the Middle East on 15 meters SSB. On April 6, he was giving his location as somewhere in the desert of the Middle East, but the following day, he was identifying as YI/KT4CK and saying he was in the desert of Southern Iraq. The Daily DX says that John Shelton, K1XN, has confirmed that Dunkerton is -- or has been -- with the 101st Airborne, reported by CNN this week as being near Karbala in Central Iraq.

Several stations have reported working or hearing YI/KT4CK between 1400 and 1600 UT. SV1GRH spotted YI/KT4CK at 1438 UT on April 7 on 21.312.5 MHz and noted that he was looking for US stations but, The Daily DX quoted SV1GRH as saying that YI/KT4CK was not getting many replies.

Meanwhile, The Daily DX says Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN, now is in the Middle East after wrapping up his North Korean (P5) operation. He has been in Turkey, very close to the Turkish/Iraqi border, for the last month and awaits his next UN World Food Program assignment -- which could be inside war-torn Iraq (ARRL Letter Apr 11 via John Norfolk,

DXLD)

I thought ARRL were real sticklers about ham operations being authorized. Who is there to authorize YI at the moment?? (gh, DXLD)

** IRAQ. DETAILS EMERGE, INVESTIGATION BY MILITARY INTO CHAPLAIN'S WATER-FOR-BAPTISM SCHEME

The Pentagon has reportedly opened an investigation into an Army Chaplain stationed in Iraq who may have hoarded supplies, and used a precious commodity -- water -- in Christian Baptism rituals.

Press accounts say that Pastor Josh Llano, a 32-year-old self-proclaimed "Southern Baptist evangelist," has been offering water only to soldiers who agree to listen to his long-winded sermons, and participate in a baptism immersion ritual. Word of the army probe broke yesterday in a story appearing in the Houston Chronicle. It reports that complaints began flowing into the headquarters of Army V Corps chief, Major Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus who has ordered "chaplain officials" to look into the matter.

Lt. Col. Eric Wester, spokesman for the Chaplain Corps told the Chronicle, "The chief was immediately concerned about the nature of this article (earlier reports of the alleged wrong-doing) and negative reflection that it casts. The question then arose to what degree information in the article is accurate. The content of the article clearly raises immediate questions."

While fretting over the news reports that unveil what might be an inappropriate and even unconstitutional practice by an Army Chaplain close to hard-working troops in Iraq, Wester seemed to have little definitive information. He did not know whether the unit Llano serves with at a base known as "Camp Bushmaster" was indeed short of water. Wester said, however, that the unit is a supply detail, and that chaplains do not typically receive a quota of water.

According to the Miami Herald, Llano provides water only to those who listen to his 1-1/2 hour sermons, and then participate in a baptism dunk ceremony which can last for another hour. Llano reportedly reads scriptures from the Bible, and told the Herald, "You have to be aggressive to help people find themselves in God."

Wester admitted, "As I've read the article and discussed (it) with other chaplains, the implication of the story is this was a kind of situation of coercion or bribery."

Pentagon spokeswoman Martha Rudd issued a statement declaring that there was adequate water for the troops at Camp Bushmaster, and that

"Neither the Army nor the Army Chief of Chaplains approves of religious coercion," but added that "reports we've gotten indicate that's not what this was at all ... we don't have any information at this time that the chaplain was coercing anyone. But we're still looking into it."

Without offering evidence, Chaplain Gunhus -- the man appearing to be in charge of the probe at this time -- said that he had "confidence" in the field preachers, and that the Llano incident "had nothing to do with keeping people from having water or anything at all. Speculation is, he was jesting with a bunch of folks."

Rudd said that Chaplain Llano was unavailable for comment, but told investigators that he did not remember making the belligerent statements reported in the press. One quote attributed to him read: "It's simple. They (soldiers) want water. I have it, as long as they agree to get baptized."

Serious Question: Forced Baptism,
"The Fox Guarding The Hen House"?

This developing story raises serious questions about the circumstances behind Chaplain Llano's alleged "water-for-baptism" scheme, and the ability of military authorities to unearth the facts in the case.

* How did Llano presumably come into possession of 500 gallons of water? If this is true, it is also outrageous. Spokeswoman Rudd told reporters that most of the troops in the field and at Camp Bushmaster have gone for over a sesquiweek without the luxury of a shower. Despite assurances to the contrary, there have also been reports that in some areas of the Iraq theater of operations there were temporary shortages of food, water, even ammunition. Those problems seem to have been remedied in most cases; but the military needs to find out what the precise circumstances were in Camp Bushmaster in the time leading up to this story.

* Is this an isolated incident? Pastor Llano described himself as a "Southern Baptist evangelist." The Southern Baptist Convention operates the North American Mission Board based in Alpharetta, Ga. which has fielded its own army of 320 military chaplains serving throughout the Middle East, many with the armed forces.

The Board has the mission to "proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in actively performing those functions." In addition to the foreign military outreaches, the Board, along with the SBC, has launched

aggressive domestic programs including "Operation Prayer Cover" to "support our troops" with daily prayer ceremonies, videos and other activities.

There may also be issues concerning how much the Southern Baptist Convention's hard-shell evangelical agenda is affecting the military outreach, particularly in Iraq. Is Pastor Llano's "outrageous" behavior an isolated occurrence? Is Llano hell-bent on his own sectarian mission, even if it means ignoring the needs of troops who do not share his religious convictions?

Indeed, the NAMB seems to have a questionable record on working with others, including those with slightly different theological agendas. In June, 2002 for instance, the Board announced that it was severing financial ties with the Baptist Convention of Washington, DC, thus pulling \$476,000 from the DC group's \$1.5 million annual budget. The reason given by Board President Robert Record was that the Washington branch had violated Convention rules by participating in interfaith gatherings. A member of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention said that the decision was "about control and power -- not theological purity."

* Can the Office of the Chief of Chaplains investigate the Llano situation in a fair, unbiased manner? Major General Gunhus was reportedly more concerned about the "negative reflection" arising from the alleged incident involving Pastor Llano than whether it occurred, or even how widespread such activities might be, especially among the hundreds of Southern Baptist Convention chaplains working within the framework of the U.S. military.

Another red flag is the battery of statements by Chaplain spokesman Lt. Col Wester and Pentagon flak catcher Rudd. Wester indulged in considerable speculation on the meaning of various news reports, but admitted that he did not have even the basic information as to how long Llano had been a chaplain or other details concerning his background (Houston Chronicle). Ms. Rudd merely quoted Chaplain Llano, who said he did not recall making the statements. Llano's remarks were witnessed by Miami Herald reporter Meg Laughlin who said she was "not alone" when the incident in question purportedly took place.

Finally, there is the "rush to judgment" by Major General Gunhus who said he has "confidence in my chaplains," and insists -- even prior to investigation -- that the Baptism story was "speculation" and "jesting."

* The same question must be asked as with any other situation where religion and government become entwined "partners."

Is there sufficient oversight?

Should the Office of the Chaplain Corps be in charge of this investigation? Should an agency of the U.S. Army be working so closely with an external organization (North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention) to operate a system of "embedded" religious workers?

Lt. Colonel Wester told reporters, "It is very important and absolutely critical chaplains uphold the highest standard in terms of respect for not only performing rites and sacraments of their own faith, but providing for religious needs of all in that area of operation."

That might not have occurred, though, at Camp Bushmaster. Did an "embedded" chaplain manage to obtain a huge stash of water (and possibly other food items like candy and fruit), and use that for purposes of sectarian advantage? Kathleen Johnson, Military Affairs Director for American Atheists and founder of the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers told reporters that Llano may have acted improperly. She accused the chaplain of attempting to "lure potential converts" and "preying on vulnerable, stressed-out military men and women."

For further information:

<http://www.atheists.org/flash.line/iraq3.htm>
("Outrage at Camp Bushmaster: Chaplain operating 'water-for-preaching' scheme?" 4/10/03) (AA Newsletter April 11 via DXLD)

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